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## **NASA NAMES LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

Roy D. Bridges Jr., Director of NASA's Langley Research Center (LaRC), Hampton, Va., today named Lesa Roe as Deputy Director.

Roe will assist in the general management of the Center and act with the authority of the Director in his absence. She will help plan, organize and direct Center and inter-center activities to advance research significant to national aerospace programs and objectives.

"Lesia Roe's experience base is an outstanding blend of educational, technical and leadership qualifications," Bridges said. "She has a broad perspective gained from working at multiple NASA centers, and she has considerable insight into the issues that face Langley. I am thrilled to have her as my partner in leading Langley during these exciting times," he said.

Roe has served as LaRC Associate Director for Business Management since August 2003. She was responsible for business functions and provided leadership in the development, evaluation and recommendation of new or modified business objectives.

NASA's Deputy Administrator Frederick Gregory said, "Lesia is a great addition to the Langley leadership team. Her diverse background, management skills and business acumen will be invaluable as we work toward return to flight and to implement the Vision for Space Exploration."

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Roe has more than 18 years experience in engineering, technical and managerial positions, working for both government and private industry. Her background includes four years International Space Station Program Management; nine years experience in Technical Management and Project Engineering; and five years experience in Radio Frequency Communications Test and Payload Systems Engineering.

Roe started her engineering career performing satellite communications analysis for Hughes Space and Communications in El Segundo, Calif.

She began her NASA career at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Fla., in 1987 as a radio frequency communications engineer in the Space Shuttle Engineering Directorate. From 1990 through 1999, Roe successfully managed the processing and launch of multiple payloads through the KSC Payload Processing Directorate and International Space Station (ISS) Hardware Integration Office.

From 1999 through 2003, she managed the ISS Payloads Office at Johnson Space Center, Houston. She was responsible for development, integration, and on-orbit operations of ISS research and technology payloads.

Roe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., in 1986 and a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Central Florida, Orlando, in 1991. She completed executive management programs at Harvard University, the University of Michigan and Smith College.

She received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, NASA Superior Accomplishment Award and a NASA Continuous Improvement Award.

LaRC, founded in 1917, is the nation's first civilian aeronautical research facility and NASA's oldest field center. For information about NASA, agency programs and field centers on the Internet, visit:

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